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1. There are numerous Rumanian prisons in or near the city of Bucharest. In the Rumanian capital itself is the prison of the Securitatea. This is located in Strada Stirbey Voda. Here and in the prisons of the Interior Ministry are kept the political prisoners who are undergoing "interrogation." These unfortunates are subjected to the usual Soviet methods of extracting "confessions."
2. The prisons of the Interior Ministry are in the basements of the ministry building. The ministry also has prisons in part of the old Carol I University Foundation; in the old Orthodox Lycée (for young girls), situated in the Strada Principale Unite; in the old central Orthodox seminary; in the old "Alabstru" rest house; and in the Cretzulesco Palace.
3. There is also a prison at Malmaison, in Bucharest, for political detainees who are undergoing instruction. Here, both food and cleanliness are satisfactory. The old Vacaresti reform prison, in Bucharest, is also being used, provisionally, for political detainees.
4. Baneasa, near Bucharest, has a new prison, built in 1951 and 1952. This has all the perfected equipment of Soviet "penological science."
5. Jihlava, also near Bucharest, has an old fort which has been turned into a prison. This place is known for its extreme dampness. Nobody can stay there more than a year without becoming seriously ill, often tubercular. This prison is used mainly for political detainees. They are kept here either after their interrogation or during their trials.

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